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Short Story Contest For Collegians Sponsored By Anti-Smut Group

Entries Must Be Fit For Use In Secular Magazine; April 16 Deadline

BY ROSE PFEIFFER

A short story contest, with a valuable monetary prize as just one of the goals, is being sponsored by three Cincinnati Catholic colleges as their contribution to the success of the National Organization for Decent Literature.

At O. L. C. the list is open to all full-time students whose entries must be submitted by April 16th.

The primary purpose of the contest is to develop writers whose adherence to Christian principles will, it is hoped, supplant the output of present-day story tellers featured in magazines of the smut type.

"The N. O. D. L. drive against morally objectionable publications is, in a sense, a negative approach to probably the largest single problem facing American parents today," the Rev. John E. Kuhn, archdiocesan chairman of the campaign told the collegiate committee at a meeting last Sunday.

Students Must Lead

"Catholic college students ought to be expected to participate most actively in what can be referred to as the 'positive' side of the N. O. D. L., namely, the preparation of creative writing that will give millions of magazine readers a type of instruction and entertainment that will not corrupt their minds.

"Students in Catholic colleges should therefore be in the front lines of the Church's drive against an enemy just as insidious as any fifth columnist who seeks to undermine the patriotism of a people.

"The smut writer does even more damage. He ruins people's souls, corrupts their minds, paves the way for the more effective operation of the fifth columnist in the political field."

Father Kuhn expressed satisfaction at the plans made by Xavier University, Mt. St. Joseph College and Our Lady of Cincinnati College, sponsors of the short story contest which is designed to be an annual affair.

He further asked the collegiate group to encourage all high

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WELCOMED DELEGATES



Margaret Kiernan, one of the most active students at Edgecliff, welcomed delegates to the peace conference at the opening session in the auditorium.

SEMESTER FINDS NEW CURRICULUM

With the beginning of the second semester several new courses in Creative Writing, Cooking, and Principles of Costume Designing are being offered.

Among the new students arriving at the college are: Mary Pritchard and Fern Imler, both juniors from Deaconess Hospital, and Mary Grace McHugh, sophomore, who formerly attended Ursuline College, Cleveland. Dorothy Collins, freshman from Price Hill, and Polly Lou Krieger, freshman, Walnut Hills, from Rosary College, Chicago, are the new members of the freshman class.

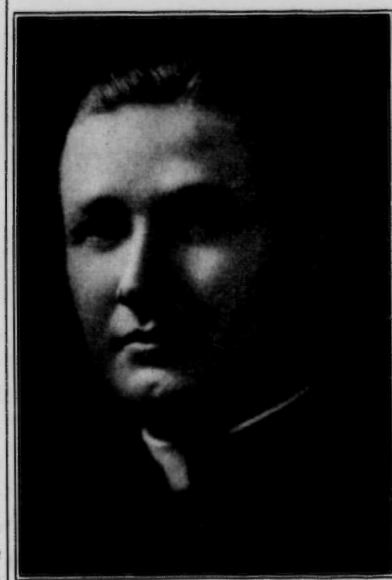
PEACE EFFORTS OF PIUS XII DISCUSSED

Papal Role In Return To World Sanity Outlined

One of the keynote addresses of today's Peace Conference sessions was delivered by the Rev. William J. Gauche, head of the history department at Our Lady of Cincinnati College. In his talk, entitled "We Want Peace," Father Gauche discussed the efforts of Pontiffs, past and present, to restore or retain peace.

Father pointed out that in the space of twenty five years of this present century three Popes, harassed by war and strife, have given their lives in the cause of peace. Pius X expressed willingness to forfeit his life for the cause of peace with the words, "Gladly would I lay down my life if I could purchase the peace of Europe with it." On his deathbed, Benedict XV said, "We offer Our life to God in behalf of the peace of the world." In a worldwide broadcast in 1938, Pius XI publicly offered his life for world peace when he said, "Grateful beyond words for the prayers which have been and are being offered for Us by the faithful of the whole Catholic world, with all Our heart We offer for the salvation and for the peace of the world this life which, in virtue of those prayers, the Lord has spared and even renewed."

Today Pius XII is following in the footsteps of his predecessors by striving ceaselessly to restore peace to the world. He is "Un-



DR. WILLIAM J. GAUCHE

questionably the outstanding leader of all those peaceful forces that are engaged in a peaceful struggle to secure peace for the

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O. L. C. RETURNS FRAT COMPLIMENT

A "Reciprocity Dance" with members of the Phi Kappa fraternity chapter of the University of Cincinnati as guests, will be held in McAuley Hall from 3 to 6 p. m., tomorrow. The program was arranged in appreciation for the dance given for O. L. C. students last month by members of the chapter.

Music will be supplied by the symphonette and refreshments served by a committee including Ruth Schroeder, Jeanette Despres and Ruth Wenstrup.

Students Study Peace While War Talk Resounds In World

"Gigantic Job" That Follows Strife Subject Of Parley At O. L. C.

Several hundred students from Catholic colleges in the Ohio Valley Conference of the Student Peace Federation met today at Our Lady of Cincinnati College to listen to prominent clerical and lay speakers outline the gigantic job that faces the world when and if nations return to sanity.

Young men and women, some of them eligible for service in the rapidly growing army of the United States, heard only strong words of encouragement, highlighted by emphatic reminders that "applied" and not "dormant" Christianity contains the solution.

Student speakers themselves evaluated the program which included the military, social and spiritual defense of the nation, the obligation of Catholics to promote peace, understanding Latin America, and peace education in the Catholic college.

Out Of Town Schools

Msgr. Charles E. Baden was celebrant of the High Mass which opened the third annual convention. Colleges and organizations, besides O. L. C., participating were: Xavier University, Mt. St. Joseph College, the University of Cincinnati Newman Club, St. Mary of the Springs College, Columbus; the University of Dayton; Marian College, Indianapolis; Notre Dame College, South Euclid, O.

Prominent Catholic clergy and laymen on the program: Dr. James M. Eagan, vice president of the Catholic Association for International Peace; the Rev. Celestin J. Steiner, S. J., Xavier U. president; Dr. William J. Gauche, head of the O. L. C. history department; the Rev. Carl Steinbicker, instructor of religion, and Robert L. Otto, journalism instructor, both of O. L. C. Sister Mary Gertrude, R. S. M., is regional moderator.

Sister Marie Pierre, Ph. D., O. L. C. president, welcomed the delegates in the name of the host school, and Margaret Kiernan of the O. L. C. student body, gave the keynote address. Caroline McKee, regional president of the federation, analyzed the program

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CAMPUS SITE OF NEW THEATRE

A week of outdoor theatrical entertainment will be held on campus this summer. The archdiocesan choir will cooperate with the Blackfriars Guild in giving a series of operettas, light opera, and plays on alternating nights.

John J. Fehring, archdiocesan director of music, next Tuesday will address the Blackfriars Guild on the future project. He will ask the guild to furnish the plays. The date will be chosen.

The next business of the meeting will be to set a date for try-outs for their first public performance late in April. The play will be Robert Sherwood's "The Queen's Husband."

CHRISTIANITY ONLY BASIS OF LASTING PEACE

Peace never will be found until certain basic factors in the spiritual and moral order are restored to the world through Christianity, according to Dr. James M. Eagan, vice president of the Catholic Association for International Peace, one of the principal speakers at the conference on the campus today.

Addressing several hundred college students and many clergy and sisters, Dr. Eagan recited an inventory of the philosophies that are at the basis of international morality, and concluded that Catholics must, if they are to be true to the principles in which they believe, work for the

adoption of those principles on a world-wide scale.

Catholics Must Strive

To allay his hearers' fear of the immensity of what he admitted was a "big job," Dr. Eagan asked them to remember how zealously the apostles of subversive philosophies worked for the success of their doctrines.

"Peace in the world of tomorrow can be based only upon the universalism of Christianity," Dr. Eagan said. "The first task of world peace can then begin at home where one-half of the population confessed to the census"

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PEACE . . . A Definition

By the Rev. James E. Sherman

At the very outset of a discussion regarding peace, it is well to understand what it means.

Social peace is that state of tranquility or harmony between nations, or between the members of a nation, which is based on the perfect observance of charity and justice, thus enabling the members of the body politic best to obtain the ends for which society exists, which are proximately the temporal, and ultimately the eternal happiness of all mankind.

Inasmuch as it depends on the perfect observance of charity

and justice it is required that there be a union of minds, wills and affection between those who are at peace.

Basically it can only be attained by mankind loving God above all else. Not to love God perfectly is thereby to love men and creatures deordinately—too little or too much. This leads to greed, envy, jealousy, racism, excessive nationalism, which are the seeds of war. Perfect love of God leads to sacrifice, service, observance of rights, assistance, fraternity, international treaties, which are the foundation stones of peace.

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PEACE AND SPRING

LOOKING at the world of today one realizes it is time for spring and time for peace. Spring and peace are notably similar. Spring is nature's happiest time; peace can be man's happiest feeling. Spring brings new life to the body sapped of its strength and energy by the hardships of winter; peace restores strength to the mind blinded by the horrors of war.

Spring is symbolized by brightness; so is peace. Spring is God's answer to faith; so is peace. Spring is a sign of hope; so is peace. Spring means something new — a new chapeaux, a new love; so does peace — an enlivened social or political order, a refreshed philosophy of life. Such are the analogies which might be drawn between spring and peace. But there is one more, perhaps most important of all. Spring has its birth in the human heart; so does peace. In the heart spring lives or dies — and so does peace.

A LENTEN SUGGESTION

WITH the swift passing of the first few weeks of the year, the time is again approaching when the Church puts aside the joyous ceremonies of the previous season, and turns her thoughts to the prayers and fasting of the penitential season of Lent.

In the light of current events in Europe, this year is an especially appropriate one for the practice of self-denial. While the people of European countries are fighting for their liberty, we may help spiritually by directing our works and prayers towards the cause of peace.

The suggestion might also be made that instead of spending whatever monetary profits which may come from our mortifications for the latest in Easter fashions, we donate it instead to those organizations attempting to aid war refugees. For if the stream of current events continues in the present vein, the time may yet come when America herself will be involved in a conflict and will also be seeking aid for her suffering people.

THE IRON IS HOT

DURING February, which is Catholic Press month, we find that there is a renewed concentration of interest in the Catholic Press. This interest could go hand

in hand with the N. O. L. D. drive now swinging into action here in Cincinnati.

In many schools, the month of February is observed by an exhibit of the best in Catholic literature. This is all well and good but it does not go quite far enough. Instead of just displaying what the Catholic press has to offer, why not try to carry student interest beyond the cover pages and awaken an appreciation for the contents?

Perhaps if interest could be aroused for a literature that is wholesome and true, students would begin to see through and despise the pulp literature (we use the noun with question) that they now devour so avidly.

It will do no good to try to remove objectionable matter from the hands of students (and high school students form a goodly part of the trade for such bilge) unless we have something to substitute. The Church can fill the void and Catholic Press month is the time to prove it.

GIRDING FOR PEACE

IN view of conditions in Europe one is prone to hear the question, "Why have a peace convention when there's a war going on?" The answer is not too difficult to understand.

Indeed this seems an appropriate time for a Peace Conference. One does not hesitate to call in a doctor in time of illness. While this conclave will not be a cure-all for the world's martial illness, it can give to its delegates a better understanding of the true meaning of the term peace. In addition to this it can help them take a stand, as Catholics and as Americans, on current vital questions.

As has been explained in various sessions of today's meet, world security for the future is one of the biggest problems facing the youth of today. It is only by study and discussion, of the type that this convention has furnished, that we can fit ourselves to cope with this problem.

Scholars and authorities on current history agree that, to a great extent, the welfare of American youth depends on keeping this hemisphere free from the scourge of war.

The part that Pius XII plays in world peace cannot be underestimated. Before hostilities broke out, over a year ago, he worked tirelessly in an attempt to avert war. Since then he has never relaxed in his efforts to try to restore order and sanity to the world. It is said that the present holocaust could have been avoided if papal wisdom had been given voice at Versailles. It will undoubtedly take our present Holy Father to lead the world out of its present social labyrinth.

But we must prepare for the future. While our government rushes forward its program of military defense there are two other features to be considered. They are social and religious defense. Of the three it is the last that has been the most sadly neglected. On this point especially will the question evolve as to whether or not peace, when it comes, will be lasting or merely another armistice.

Spiritual defense does not have to start as a national movement. It can take its beginning in the hearts of a handful of citizens but once it takes root it can grow rapidly.

Let the delegates at today's convention decide that they will begin a defense that will have real lasting results — one that all the planes, guns, and tanks in the world cannot overcome — a defense that is spiritual. Perhaps if more concentration were put on this aspect real military defense and rearmament would not be so necessary.

STUDENT CONCERTS

AS has been noted elsewhere in these pages, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra is bringing something new to this city in the form of a series of concerts designed expressly for high school and college students and their contemporaries. Because this program is more or less an experiment it deserves our utmost support.

The College Symphony concerts should help those who do not have an ear for really good music to acquire one. While to those who already appreciate it the series will afford much enjoyment.

Within the next week a campaign will begin here at the college to arouse the greatest possible interest among students. Is it too much to hope that at least seventy-five percent of the student body will be present in Music Hall on February 18, when Mr. Goossens raises his baton?

RINGING THE BELL

Being Significant Quotes from Worthwhile Speeches, Etc.

"Leaders of thought and of action in our country who are war-minded and who, if they continue their propaganda and advance their misguided patriotism, must force us into the present world conflict, constitute an insignificant minority in comparison with those who sincerely desire peace and are convinced that America will serve America best by remaining at peace. The sixth sense of the American people is for peace and against war. The people of the totalitarian states of Europe did not want war. Their dictators forced it on them. Our war leaders who would maneuver us into the conflict would, step by step, deprive us of the liberty of peace and impose upon us the slavery of war."

(Archbishop John T. McNicholas in his Christmas sermon)

"The people of America have demanded that we keep out of war abroad. It is up to the government to respect this demand. They must see to it that we are not committed to total war in the guise of new measures 'short of war.'"

(Kingman Brewster, Jr., on Town Meeting of the Air.)

"When social legislation is passed to curb economic dictatorship and make the money power serve the common good, and not private purses, it is still the people who wield the power. It is still a democratic state. Selfish interests, taking the name of liberty in vain for private privilege, will have it that we have abandoned democracy. I do not think that our people believe that. We will have abandoned it only when we hold that democracy exists when government has few powers and that dictatorship comes in when it has many. It will still be democracy, no matter how many powers it has, as long as the people has them, and government is merely its substitute. The people will have them as long as it understands the truth."

(Wilfred Parsons, S. J., on "Democracy" in Columbia.)

"In all countries of the world totalitarians are making the greatest progress in getting a greater or even a complete control of youth. They want a social revolution. They want to control the citizens of tomorrow by regimenting the youth of today. In our country they talk of democracy to ward off suspicion. They really want a dictatorship in education and for our youth. Education never can be lawfully emancipated from God. Education that attacks religion or even shows an indifferent spirit to it rejects its most powerful ally, shuts the door to the highest culture, and weakens its own position."

(Archbishop McNicholas at dedication of Barry College, Miami, Fla.)

"I see by the newspapers that Thomas Mann, Lord Marley, Pertinax, Clare Boothe, Dorothy Thompson and Clarence K. Streit met at the Waldorf-Astoria to convince Americans that we ought to become part of the British Empire. The idea seems to be that the United States and the British Empire should become one country."

"No American would ever have been welcomed in the countries from which these gentlemen came if he tried to tell them how to run themselves, much less if he tried to advise them to abolish themselves. It is at least imprudent, and possibly even impudent for these aliens who are enjoying our hospitality to take advantage of it by suggesting that we commit national suicide."

"I think that it would be wise for these gentlemen to avoid becoming partisans in American life until they become citizens." — (George E. Sokolsky in his columns These Days in the Times-Star, January 28, 1941).

CUTTING PAGES

By Ruth Weller

MURDER IN A NUNNERY, By Eric Shepherd.

Practically every kind of locale has been used at one time or another as a setting for a murder by our fiction writers — the Rue Morgue, penthouses, hospitals, warehouses — and have been taken as a matter of course; but when a murder occurs in a convent, as it does in Eric Shepherd's *Murder In A Nunnery*, it is time to sit up and take notice. In a nunnery whose population is composed almost entirely of nuns and convent students, who could possibly be guilty of such a crime?

Thoughts similar to these were racing through the mind of Inspector Pearson of Scotland Yard as he arrived at the convent to inspect the murder of Baroness Sliema, a boarder at the convent. Expecting to find a crowd of helpless, hysterical

women on his hands, he has fully rehearsed a speech with calming effects. He is, however, agreeably surprised at the behavior of the nuns and is continuously making humorous discoveries about their own characters, customs, and outlook on life during his stay with them.

He enters with the idea that all nuns were either misfits in life or disappointed in love and that all convent students are perfect examples of refinement and culture. Before his departure his ideas are changed considerably, especially after he meets little Inez Escapado, who regards stabbing as a perfectly ladylike, everyday occurrence, and Gracia Bombado who had been in the habit of sleeping with a pistol under her pillow.

In its quaintness of settings and skillful character sketches, this story rises above the ordinary mystery tale. The plot moves along rapidly when, aided by the shrewd observations of Mr. Turtle, the gardener, and his son 'Mock' Turtle, the Inspector gathers the clues, solves the mystery, and winds up the case. Who committed the murder? Sorry, this is where I came in.

CAMPUS CASUALS

BY M. A. HEIMANN

In an *Edgecliff* dedicated to peace there is no place for a column dedicated to play. A serious subject — more or less — is indicated, and frivolity, they say, must be forgotten. But Peace Edition though this may be, there is no peace along the fashion front. For within the ranks of style, and modes, and design a seething revolution goes on. It's an outgrowth of the great war waging in Europe which changed the fashion center of the world from Paris to New York in a few short months. Imagine the consternation of the American modistes upon being dubbed custodians of Dame Fashion. But we can only sit and stare, gaze and admire when we see how beautifully they have warranted this world confidence and trust.

Evidences of it are all around us, even on a college campus. Speaking of rumors — and rumors are in order in an edition concerned with war and peace — we have heard tell of one senior who plans to "sailorize" this spring in an American inspired but self-designed nautical outfit. The dress will be blue, made with the new longer waist, a wide, white striped sailor collar, and a tar boy knotted tie. If you haven't guessed ere this the wearer will be Mademoiselle Despres, otherwise known as Jeanette, and to complement the navy model she has chosen a blue felt beret trimmed with the U. S. insignia.

The extreme popularity of red, white, and blue as spring colors is also traceable to the whims of the American designers. Patriotism is their inspiration and it has made its way as far west as Cincinnati. Margaret Mary Winters feels the charm and novelty of the mode and so chooses a tuck-in blouse in the guise of Old Glory — very effective when worn with a navy blue skirt. It has influenced Mary K. Kuebler, also, for more often than not she is seen making the dash from *Edgecliff* to the Alms Drug, wearing a red, white lamb-lined coat over a blue sweater and skirt, or a blue dress. Ruth Wenstrup and Mary Ellen Bangert wait until evening to express their allegiance to the colors — Ruth in a red chiffon and Mary Ellen in a red silk jersey evening gown, with original accents in blue and white.

Other indications of the acclaim that youth accords the new fashion order present themselves

PLAY BRINGS LAVENDER AND OLD LACE



With a swish of voluminous Victorian petticoats and a flick of lace kerchiefs, the *Edgecliff* Players, directed by Sister Mary Hildegard, R. S. M., will carry back their public to the restrain-

ed days described by Jane Austen in her "Pride and Prejudice." Augmented by Xavier University students and male members of the Blackfriars' Guild, the O. L. C. students will present the popular drama Sunday, Feb. 16, in

the new auditorium. Giving you a preview here are, standing left to right: William Kilduff, Rosemary Cox and Jack Boyce. Sitting, left to right: Mary Lee Craig, Bernice Enneking and Mary Catherine Kilduff.

Blackfriars And Collegians Combine To Give Stage Version Of Classic

"The *Edgecliff* Players," dramatic club of Our Lady of Cincinnati College will give two performances of "Pride and Prejudice" on Sunday, February 16, at 2:30 and 8 o'clock. The play has been dramatized by Helen Jerome, noted British writer, from Jane Austen's book of the same name.

Male roles in the play will be portrayed by members of the Queen City Chapter of the Blackfriars Guild and students of Xavier University.

The cast includes (roles in brackets): Jack Boyce (Mr. Darcy), Joseph Kapfer (Mr. Collins), William Kilduff (Mr. Fitzwilliam), Mary Jane Knochel (Mrs. Ben-

net), Jack Smith (Mr. Bennet), Jean Geers (Lady Lucas), Dorothy Meader (Charlotte Lucas), Mary Lee Ast (Jane Bennet), Bernice Enneking (Elizabeth Bennet), Rosemary Cox (Lydia Bennet), Charles Steinmetz (Mr. Bingley), Ruth Schroeder (Amelia).

Fred Towers (Mr. Wickham), Mary Rita Heskamp (Belinda), Lucille Walsh (Amanda), G. Robert Reusch (Mr. Seymour), Robert Rack (Captain Denny), Audrey Schlosser (Miss Bingley), E. William Albers (Mr. Bellamy), Betty Muehlenkamp (Maggie), Mary Catherine Kilduff (Mrs. Gardiner), Mary Lee Craig (Lady Catherine de Bourgh), and Betty Jane Monnette (Mrs. Lake).

Scenery for the production was designed by students of the stage-craft class. Other behind-

the-scenes personalities are Pamela Stiles, stage manager, Mary Adelaide Evers, in charge of make-up, and Jeanette Despres, wardrobe director.

The newly-formed college orchestra will supply the music for the play. It will be directed by Miss Helen Gough of the college music department.

Sister Mary Hildegard, R. S. M., dramatics and speech teacher, is directing the production.

Hospital To Present Fairy Tale Operetta

Cinderella will be brought up to date when the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing presents its modernized version of the popular fairy tale in a three act operetta, "The Slip of the Slipper," on Wednesday, February 12, at 8 p. m. The public is invited to attend the production which will be given in St. Joseph's Auditorium, Hamilton, O., at a general admission charge of 35c.

Death Closes 52-Year Career Of Mother Hilda

Mother Mary Hilda Brennan, foundress and first president of Our Lady of Cincinnati College and one of the best known members of the Religious Sisters of Mercy in the Middle West, was buried Jan. 21 in St. Joseph New Cemetery, Price Hill, following a Solemn Requiem Mass in the convent of the order, 1409 Freeman avenue.

Mother Hilda died in Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, of pneumonia. She was 75 and in August, 1938, had observed the golden jubilee of her entrance into the order she served in several important official capacities.

Classes were suspended on the day of burial at the College, and upper class members attended in cap and gown.

The Rev. John J. Doyle, her nephew, head of the philosophy department and chaplain at Marian College, Indianapolis, officiated at the Requiem Mass.

Her Active Career

A native of Bellefontaine, O., Mother Hilda entered the order when she was about 23. Her

capabilities as an administrator were recognized soon after she taught at parochial schools in Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Piqua.

She was superior of the community in Cincinnati from 1917 to 1923 and during that time supervised the construction and opening of the academy on Werk road, Westwood.

In 1929, when half of the 9000 Sisters of Mercy in the United States amalgamated to promote better administration, Mother Hilda was elected provincial here, an office entailing supervision of the sisters and all institutions in which they taught or worked. She held this office until 1935 when she became assistant provincial.

Five years ago, at the direction of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, Mother Hilda founded Our Lady of Cincinnati College on the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Emery, *Edgecliff*, Walnut Hills. She directed also the acquisition of adjacent parcels and saw later the erection of the new administration building.

BACK FENCE

If some B. F.'s knew what was going on at the Peace Conference there'd be war without any talk of appeasement.

Seen & heard at *Edgecliff*: Members of the *Pride and Prejudice* cast rehearsing in costumes that look like two pages torn out of the family album... Bernice Enneking making a perfect landing off a piano stool... engagement rings to the tune of a dime a dozen on the campus, but apparently costing much, much, much more, the latest ice pack being Jeanne Hehman's... a certain male member of the Blackfriars' "Twilight Saint" cast playing the saint role in real life by escorting M. A. to the Notre Dame Glee Club sing where the former B. F.'s voice cracked at the sight... Mary Kay rallying after another one of those enjoyable tiffs with Walt... Susie Jane wondering when the admirer from St. Bonaventure's will summon up enough courage to write... the editor taking her afternoon stroll over Fifth street, with her hat off, curls flying... one of the boarders rallying from a flu spell after seeing her average in a certain afternoon class... Msgr. Baden and Father Gauche discovering one of the ladies on the campus trying to list the EIGHT Sacraments... Mary Jane Knochel taking advantage of a free day to add debts to the bank account by shopping in one of the downtown stores... Miriam S. hating to admit she's still interested in one of Uncle Sam's letter carriers... one of the dorm brigade recommending a siege of the flu to take off excess poundage... M. L. Saat buying stamps for very regular correspondence with one of the privates at Camp Shelby having feted him royally (his sister was along) on a recent Sat. p. m....

Pat's Jack was remarkably self-contained what with all that mistletoe at the Yuletide Dance, and still others waited just long enough to see if the dance floor was crowded, then dashed off with their new Christmas compacts.

Symphony Concerts For Collegians Begin Next Week

Only several days remain to get tickets for the first of two concerts that will be presented this season for college students by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the O. L. C. committee in charge of campus sales, announced today.

The orchestra arranged the concerts for Feb. 18 and March 11 in response to a widespread demand for cultural entertainment within the means and at the convenience of Greater Cincinnati's college students. Eugene Goossens, conductor, will wield the baton at both performances.

Helen Eberhart of the senior class is chairman of the O. L. C. ticket committee which includes Margaret Ann Heimann, Caroline McKee, Margaret Middendorf, Betty Hoffman, Peggy Louis,

Ruth Schroeder, Pat McDonald, and Ruth Smith.

Committee members recently attended a tea at the home of Mrs. Katherine Ingle, University of Cincinnati dean of women, who explained that next season the orchestra planned to present a more extensive collegiate program in the hope that appreciation of worthwhile music would be brought still further within the scope of every college student in this area. The price of tickets for the two concerts is \$1.

State Library Authority Will Lecture At College

An extremely diversified series of programs have been arranged for the assembly periods of the next few weeks. Paul A. T. Noon, state librarian, is coming to address the assembly on February 19. Mr. Noon will discuss the success of and the demand for college graduates in library work. The lecture will reveal many new facts about the use and appreciation of a library.

Mrs. Bottomley, head of the home economics department, is arranging a program on Personality and Dress for February 26. It is designed to appeal to all collegians who wish to be always in the height of fashion.

To perceive still farther into the future, it has been rumored about that a Blackfriar unit from the East is coming to produce a play for the students on or about March 26.

Missioner's Benefit Feb. 16

The Father Walter Guild, established to commemorate the Rev. Walter Coveyou, Passionist priest killed by Chinese bandits about 10 years ago, will stage its annual card party and dance benefit Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Gibson Florentine Room. Proceeds are used for mission work of the Passionist Fathers in the Orient.

MORALITY CHIEF NEED OF WORLD, DR. EAGAN SAYS

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takers that they professed no religion at all.

"Next, we must work for the recognition of the Catholic Church as the true international organization of the future. The League of Nations failed because there was no common code of ethics which bound all states to it. Basically Christian in its principles, the league was utilized politically only where it seemed to the self-interest of the nations concerned.

"There must be common recognition that authority comes from God. Nowhere has there been found a better interpreter of this authority than the Catholic Church."

Developing his subject, "Catholicism and International Cooperation," Dr. Eagan, a faculty member at the College of New Rochelle, N. Y., focused attention on the "world orders" sought by the forces of Nazism, Fascism



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and Communism. All, he said, are anti-Christian in their incorrect emphasis on the supreme position of the state, the race or the class.

Dr. Eagan remarked that only during the decline of the Roman Empire and the religious wars of the 16th century did times seem as dismal as at present.

Vatican's Success

Tracing this condition in international relations down to post-World War days, Dr. Eagan remarked that "the temporary armistice which ended the war was made, however, without reference to Christianity. Article XV of the Treaty of London, upon Italian insistence, stated that the Holy Father was to be excluded from any part in the making of the peace, he recalled.

"Of those who did have a share, only Woodrow Wilson held firm to Christian principles, but he was viewed as an idealist, a proper person with whom

statesmen could make sport. Clemenceau, who more than any other made the peace, openly sneered at the tenets of Christianity."

The U. S. Enters

Two years before the turn of the century, Archbishop John Ireland, Dr. Eagan continued, acted for the Holy See in an effort to arbitrate between the United States and Spain, the Holy Father securing from Spain the acceptance of American conditions, but America went to war despite it.

Between 1900-03, Argentina and Chile were about to war over a boundary dispute, but the intervention of the clergy on both sides secured a settlement and the building of the famous "Christ of the Andes" resulted.

"A world of peace," Dr. Eagan concluded, "is attainable only if mankind returns once more to the practice of morality in private and public life; only if the Vatican becomes the center of the world's search for peace and justice. Then international cooperation will have more than a temporary meaning, it will be more than an empty phrase."

POST-WAR PLANS TOPIC OF PARLEY

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and introduced speakers at the morning session.

Students Speak

Student speakers from other schools: Frank W. Burke, Xavier; Jean O'Flynn and Margaret Mary Cronin, Mt. St. Joseph; Mary Lou Wetzel and Robert Owens, Newman Club; Jean Whelan and John Rehmund, Dayton; Margaret Ann McCarthy and Doris Ann Becker, Marian; Nell Sullivan, Notre Dame.

Several forums were held during the morning and afternoon sessions. O. L. C. students were hostesses at a luncheon and were on the hospitality committee to escort visitors over the campus. Solemn Benediction closed the program.

SCISSORS SCRAPS

By Ruth Wetterer

In Shakespearean English, how would we say, "Here comes a bowlegged man?" Very simple. "Behold! What is this I see walking in parenthesis?"

—Our Sunday Visitor, Jan. 12, 1941.

Maybe I'm wrong, but isn't the moon just a little lazy to sit up there and watch those little stars dust?

It's in the air — Quiz me, Professor, "A" to the bar.

The prayer of a tiny refugee ran thus:

"Dear God, take care of mama and papa and help our country win the war. But most of all, God, take care of Yourself, 'cause if You get bombed, we're sunk."

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than to be crowded on a velvet cushion."

—Henry D. Thoreau, Jan. '41, Reader's Digest.

FACULTY MEMBER OUTLINES POPE'S PEACE PLAN

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world."

When he was elevated to the throne to Peter, war was imminent. Yet the Holy Father, realizing that the people of the world did not want it, sought to avert it by prayer to heaven and petitions to the heads of the various governments. He sent personal representatives to the capitals of these governments in an attempt to cultivate good-will and used every opportunity to bring representatives of hostile nations together for discussion. Moreover, he suggested the "fundamental principles of justice and charity on which a peaceful settlement of political and economic differences must be made."

For a time it appeared that the Pontiff had succeeded in his efforts and that war could be averted but this hope proved false. However, undaunted, he continued his negotiations almost to the very outbreak of hostilities.

Natural Law Rejected

When it was evident that he could no longer avert war, the Holy Father set about to try to restore peace. He blamed present conditions on man's repudiation of Christ and His principles of justice and charity and on the rejection of the natural law. For these man has substituted a combination of relativism and dogmatic modernism as well as a shifting moral standard.

As a result we have in the world today two errors which render world peace almost impossible. They are Nationalism and Totalitarianism. Nationalism denies the common origin of man and repudiates the quality of rational nature in all men. It leads to contempt and hatred of all other races and nations. The other error, Totalitarianism, goes even farther than this. It rejects God as the source of all authority and makes the State the absolute master with the right to dominate the lives of its citizens and abolish their rights and privileges.

The only way in which peace can be restored is by the elimination of these two evils and by the acceptance of Christ and His principles of justice and charity.

World Wants Peace

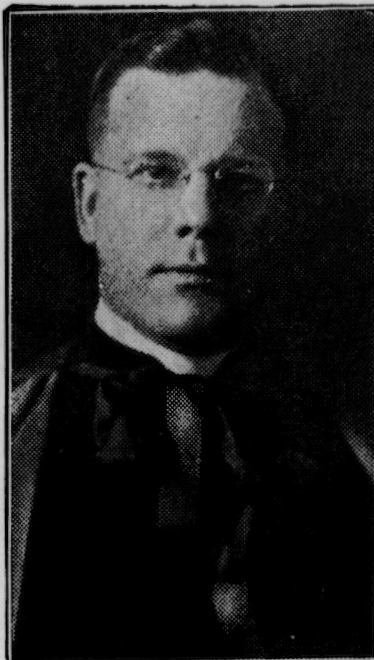
In his 1939 Christmas message to the College of Cardinals Pius XII proposed five fundamental points on which a just and honorable peace might be negotiated. They were: "(1) the right of life and independence of all nations, large or small, powerful or weak; (2) mutually agreed, organic and progressive disarmament, spiritual as well as material; (3) the erection of a juridical institution as guarantee of international good faith and loyalty; (4) attention to the real needs and population demands of nations and peoples; (5) governments and peoples must submit willingly to the sacred and inviolable standards of the law of God."

The entire world wanted peace. The people of Poland, Germany, England, France, and Italy did not want war. They were involved in it in spite of themselves. In this country, too, the desire of the people is for peace. But the press and the radio do not adequately express this desire. Yet it would not be unpatriotic to do so no more than it would be unpatriotic to strive for peace if this country were involved in war as an active belligerent.

Father Gauche sees no reason for America to depart from her traditional foreign relation pol-

APRIL 16 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IN N. O. D. L. SHORT STORY LIST

COLLEGE CHAPLAIN



Msgr. Charles E. Baden, O. L. C. chaplain, was celebrant at the High Mass which opened the peace conference here today. One of Greater Cincinnati's most prominent clergymen, Msgr. Baden is widely known for his work in behalf of young men.

icy. Present conditions may demand changes in the policy but that does not mean that it must be repudiated. Its principles of peace and freedom, non-intervention, the Monroe Doctrine, the open-door, and freedom of the seas are based on the mutual rights of all nations.

Duties Of Our Leaders

"If our leaders are honestly and prudently convinced that the peace and tranquility of our country are threatened, it is their duty to prepare the country to defend itself against any danger. It is, moreover, our patriotic duty to support any measure that is necessary to provide adequate defense." However, a vast program of defense should not be used as an instrument of recovery from economic depression.

"We must insist, therefore, that our leaders, in the direction of our internal policy of national defense and in the conduct of our foreign relations, do not attempt, like the statesmen and leaders of other countries, to usurp the power and the authority of God, or reject the true fixed standard of morality or ignore the charity and justice of Christ. They must not succumb to the evils of exaggerated Nationalism or yield to the temptations of Totalitarianism."

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school publications in the Greater Cincinnati area to use material designed to acquaint students with the N. O. D. L. Plans now are being drafted to accomplish this.

Contest Rules

Contest rules adopted by the committee:

1. The short story submitted must be consistent with Catholic ideals and be designed for publication in a national secular magazine.

2. The deadline for all entries will be Wednesday, April 16, 1941.

3. A prize of \$25.00 will be awarded the author of the best short story at the commencement exercises of his school.

4. Eligibility is limited to undergraduate students of Xavier University (day or evening division), Mt. St. Joseph College, Our Lady of Cincinnati College, and members of the student group of the Newman Club of the University of Cincinnati.

5. The story must not exceed 3,000 words.

6. The manuscript must be submitted in a sealed envelope, carrying only a pen name selected by the author. Accompanying this must be another sealed envelope containing the author's pen name, name, address and the name of the school which he or she attends.

7. The story must be typewritten (double spaced) on one side only of standard size paper (8½ x 11). Each page must be numbered and carry the pen name at the top.

8. All papers will be judged by a committee of competent judges whose decisions will be final.

Entries are to be left with the deans of the various schools.

Home Missioners Sing At Withamsville, Ohio

Several Sundays ago nearly thirty members of the college choral group went to Withamsville, Ohio, to take part in the dedication ceremonies at the newly-formed St. Thomas More parish.

St. Thomas More parish was recently assigned to the Rev. Alfred G. Stritch, instructor of history at the college.

Vestments which Father Stritch wore at the Mass were made by the Home Mission Helpers under the direction of Helen Landfried and Elizabeth Rottenberger.

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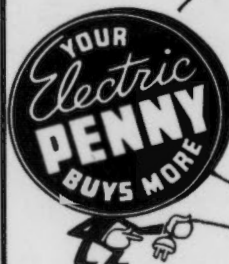
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—Excerpts from
Xavier University
Bulletin.

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